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1. Brigade is not a training unit for Cubans

Observed pattern of activity over  
past several years does not include  
any substantial involvement in the  
training of Cuban ground forces  
Pattern is very similar to that of  
combat units in USSR doing normal  
combat rehearsals

Organization, Activities, Facilities  
and Equipment are not tailored to  
training other people

Moreover, unlike any Soviet  
MAAG elsewhere

2. Combat Unit has not been there since '62

No one questions a continuous

Soviet military presence since '62

It's clear in post missile crisis period:

Not enough equipment

Not enough facilities

Not enough training activity for the  
kind of combat unit we now see

Mission and structure changed at least  
a second time since '62

When reached present form unclear

At least mid '70s

No one questions that it changed its  
mission and activities when missiles  
left island

3. Good intelligence performance brought this out

Not talking about detecting a Sov mil  
presence

Talking about discerning its purpose -  
most difficult part of intell

Have done so with confidence

Know composition - Bgde

" organization - 4 Bn

" rank structure - Col

" location - 2 sites

" size - @ 2600

" equipment - 40 tanks,  
- 60 APC's

" training pattern - similar Sov  
combat units  
in USSR

" no observable connections with  
Cuban military

If it looks like a duck, ...

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Ready to call on any additional assets -

As more info develops, more certain  
what to employ

But often takes time -

Patterns of activity -

Prove either positive or negative